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Amendments to the Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** An article equipped with a first identification medium for short-range communication or short-range recognition **and a second identification medium**, wherein **the first identification medium is always attached to a fastening product to be attached to the article as an identification medium for true-false decision with respect to the article and the second identification medium is removably attached to the article as an identification medium for commodity distribution control with respect to the article without changing a usage state of the article** ~~the article is further equipped with a second identification medium removably~~.

2.-3. **(Canceled)**

4. **(Currently Amended)** The article according to claim ~~[[3]]~~ **1**, wherein the fastening product is a slide fastener, and the second identification medium is removably attached to a pull tab of the slide fastener.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The article according to claim 1 ~~[[or 2]]~~, wherein the second identification medium is arranged in a tag to be attached to the article.

6.-7. **(Canceled)**

8. **(Currently Amended)** The article according to ~~any one of~~ claim~~[[s]]~~ **1** ~~[[3]]~~, wherein the first identification medium is an identification medium for short-range recognition, and the second identification medium is a short-range communication RFID.

9. **(Currently Amended)** The article according to ~~any one of~~ claim~~[[s]]~~ **1** ~~[[3]]~~, wherein the first identification medium is a short-range communication RFID, and the second identification medium is a short-range communication RFID that is actuated with a frequency

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different from that of the RFID of the first identification medium ~~short-range communication RFID~~.

10. (Currently Amended) The article according to claim 1 ~~[[or 3]]~~, wherein the second identification medium is a long-range communication RFID.

11. (Currently Amended) The article according to claim 10, wherein ~~[[a]]~~ the first identification medium is a short-range communication RFID, and is ~~capable of~~ transmitting and receiving a signal by short-range communication between the ~~short-range communication~~ RFID of the first identification medium and the ~~long-range communication~~ RFID of the second identification medium.

12. (Currently Amended) An article having a first identification medium for short-range communication, wherein

the first identification medium is always attached to a fastening product to be attached to the article as a short-range communication RFID,

the ~~short-range communication~~ RFID of the first identification medium has an antenna connecting terminal for long-range communication, ~~[[and]]~~

the first identification medium is used as an identification medium for commodity distribution control with respect to the article when an antenna for long-range communication is connected to the antenna connecting terminal, and

the first identification medium is used as an identification medium for true-false decision with respect to the article when the antenna for long-range communication is not connected to the antenna connecting terminal

~~an antenna for long-range communication is removably connected to the antenna connecting terminal.~~

13. (Previously Presented) The article according to claim 12, wherein the antenna connecting terminal is arranged at a portion of the article to which the antenna for long-range

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communication is removably attached.

14. **(Canceled)**

15. **(Currently Amended)** The article according to claim 12, wherein a battery is removably connected to the ~~short-range communication~~ RFID of the first identification medium.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A true-false decision and commodity distribution control method for an article wherein the article has a first identification medium for short-range communication or short-range recognition and is removably equipped with a second identification medium for long-range communication, wherein the first identification medium is always attached to a fastening product to be attached to the article as an identification medium for true-false decision with respect to the article,

the second identification medium is removably attached to the article as an identification medium for commodity distribution control with respect to the article without changing a usage state of the article, and

commodity distribution control on the article is carried out based on at least one of data ~~directly or indirectly~~ read out from a memory of the second identification medium and ~~[[/or]]~~ data written into the memory.

17. **(Previously Presented)** The true-false decision and commodity distribution control method according to claim 16, wherein true-false decision on the article is carried out by comparing data directly or indirectly read from a memory of the first identification medium with preliminarily set reference data.

18. **(Previously Presented)** The true-false decision and commodity distribution control method according to claim 16, wherein true-false decision on the article is carried out by comparing data directly or indirectly read from a memory of the first identification medium through short-range communication with preliminarily set reference data after the second

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identification medium is removed from the article.

19. **(Previously Presented)** The true-false decision and commodity distribution control method according to any one of claims 16 to 18, wherein, after the second identification medium is removed from the article, the removed second identification medium is used as a second identification medium for another new article.

20. **(Currently Amended)** A true-false decision and commodity distribution control method for an article, wherein the article has a short-range communication RFID **always attached to a fastening product to be attached to the article** as a first identification medium, an antenna for long-range communication ~~being~~ removably connected to an antenna connecting terminal for long-range communication connected to the ~~short-range communication~~ RFID **of the first identification medium,**

the first identification medium is used as an identification medium for commodity distribution control with respect to the article when an antenna for long-range communication is connected to the antenna connecting terminal, and

the first identification medium is used as an identification medium for true-false decision with respect to the article when the antenna for long-range communication is not connected to the antenna connecting terminal, and ~~wherein~~

commodity distribution control on the article is carried out based on **at least one of** data ~~directly or indirectly~~ read from a memory of the first identification medium and ~~[[/or]]~~ data written into the memory through long-range communication via the antenna connected to the **antenna connecting terminal RFID.**

21. **(Currently Amended)** The true-false decision and commodity distribution control method according to claim 20, wherein true-false decision on the article is carried out by comparing data directly or indirectly read from a memory of the first identification medium through short-range communication with preliminarily set reference data after the antenna for long-range communication is removed from the antenna connecting terminal ~~of the RFID.~~

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22. **(Currently Amended)** The true-false decision and commodity distribution control method according to claim 20 or 21, wherein, after the antenna **for long-range communication** is removed from the **antenna connecting terminal article**, the removed antenna **for long-range communication** is used as an antenna for long-range communication for another new article.